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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Alonzo M. BURNS et al.

Application No.: 09/228,954

Filed: January 12, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: C. JUSKA

For: A SURFACE COVERING BACKING CONTAINING POLYMERIC  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 3, 2002

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2001 regarding the above-identified application, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before January 3, 2002.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and continued examination of this application are respectfully requested.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges the request for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 09/228,954, and further indicates that an action on the CPA has been generated.